

# WESTERN PARKWAY

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Why Is This Project Important?

The area west of Route 1 between Route 24 and north of Route 9 has experienced significant development in the last five years and the projections indicate that this development trend will continue in the future. If a preferred alternative is not identified, selected and protected NOW, development may preclude DelDOT's ability to address the local transportation needs of this area. Additionally, a grade-separated interchange at Five Points will address a long standing transportation need for the area.

### Who Will Benefit From The Proposed Project?

The future roadway improvements will be designed to meet the needs of the local community located west of Route 1. The roadway will allow local traffic to avoid Route 1 between Five Points and Route 24. In addition, the new interchange at Five Points will facilitate the flow of traffic and enhance safety at a major, increasingly congested intersection in the area.

### Why Do We Need To Complete The Design Today?

DelDOT is planning to prevent a situation similar to the existing Route 1 corridor. If DelDOT were to wait to identify and protect the right-of-way, future development would likely preclude construction of the proposed roadway improvements. By planning ahead, DelDOT can protect the necessary right-of-way and provide additional roadway capacity in the future when additional funding becomes available.

### What Access Will be Provided On The Roadway?

The roadway will be planned with "partial control of access." This means that access would be limited to connections with existing major public roadways and private entrances. Generally, future private entrances or access to development would not be provided.

### Are There Funds Available For This Project?

- The project development effort leading to a selection of a Preferred Alternative has been fully funded.
- DelDOT has requested funding in the FY2008 budget that the Legislature authorize the Western Parkway project to initiate some detailed engineering and property acquisition to protect the right-of-way of the Preferred Alternative.
- There is no funding currently available for construction.